

MINUTES of the Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (CDEI) 9/15/22 MEETING

Items highlighted indicate CDEI member action needed

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was scheduled at 7:00 pm

What: Town of Hadley – Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

When: September 15, 2022, 7:00 pm

Where: Hadley Senior Center

Who: Chair Mark Dunn (MD), Joanne Goding (JG), Clerk Pat Rissmeyer (PR), Sarah Strong (SS)

Absent: Randy Izer, (RI)*, E. Wayne Abercrombie (WA) - *Non-voting member

1. Welcome and call to order

MD called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Clerk's report

The group reviewed the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2022. SS moved to approve the minutes, and JG seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 4-0 with one modification to add the word 'speak' to the second sentence in item 3 b to read "MD offered to speak directly to RI . . . "

3. Old business

a. CDEI response to Select Board Member comments

MD reported that he had spoken with Randy Izer (Select Board Liaison to the CDEI) regarding Select Board member Joyce Chunglo's comment about affordable housing bringing 'crime crap' to Hadley. MD was advised by RI to send Town Administrator Carolyn Brennan a letter. MD reviewed a draft letter that he and PR prepared. The group approved the letter. MD will send the letter on behalf of the CDEI.

4. New Business

a. Proposed Plan for celebrating Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day 2022

The group discussed a variety of ideas to honor Indigenous Peoples Day. Given the limited band width of members, and the short time frame for planning, the group decided to offer a single event, the showing of the film Gather. PR agreed to contact Hayley Wood, in the Senior Center to see if the film could be shown on 10/14 at 12:30 as the Movie Matinee. JG suggested that we provide light indigenous food refreshments. MD asked PR to get prices and availability on speakers with expertise in indigenous peoples.

5. Open Agenda

MD announced that Laura Baker, Real Estate Development Director, Valley CDC, will attend the October meeting to provide an overview of the proposed affordable housing plan in Hadley

6. Next Meeting

MD announced that the next meeting will be October 20, 2022, at 7 pm in the Senior Center.

MD thanked everyone for their participation and SS made a motion for adjournment and JG seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by a vote of 4-0

Minutes submitted by Pat Rissmeyer, Clerk, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion